

Application No.: 10/621,749
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Remarks

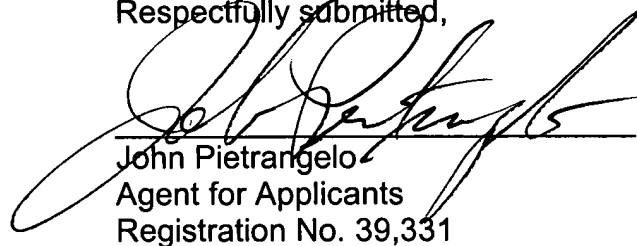
The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments, and consideration of the application, as amended.

By this Amendment, the Applicant renumbered claims 1-22 to claims 21-42, to reflect the Patent Office's renumbering discussed in the first paragraph on page 3 of the Action. The applicant also cancelled renumbered claims 31-42 and introduced new claims 43-51. No new matter was introduced. Claims 21-30 and 43-51 are now pending in this application. The Applicant believes that these claims may be drawn to the aspect that appears in Figure 9 of the subject application; however, the Applicant submits that these claims are not limited to the aspect of the invention shown in Figure 9.

The Applicant believes that this Amendment addresses the Restriction of the subject Office Action and places the application in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant's undersigned Agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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